

WAR SPEECH AND NO PEACE SPEECH

Is Consensus of Opinion in Paris Official Circles as to Hertling's Oration.

Paris (Tuesday), Feb. 26.—The consensus of opinion in official and diplomatic circles concerning Count Von Hertling's speech is that it is a "war speech" and not a "peace speech."

A high official of the foreign office informs the Associated Press that the aims of Von Hertling's oration were three-fold.

First, he desired to create a division between the allies, especially between the Anglo-Saxon group and the Latin group. Second, he wanted to stimulate peace talk in allied and neutral countries in an effort to stimulate peace talk in allied and neutral countries in an effort to bring about another "Brest-Litovsk." Third, the chancellor's maneuver was expected to impress public opinion in Germany and abroad that military officials do not rule in Germany, but that the diplomats and politicians have the upper hand.

Misunderstands Wilson. "Count Von Hertling has failed to understand President Wilson's speeches," this official said. "He has interpreted them as if they had been written by himself. The offer made to Belgium to state her terms is only for the purpose of influencing public opinion in the United States, which Germany knows is fighting for no other purpose than to redress the wrongs committed against Belgium. As the treatment of Belgium was the most flagrant and initial wrong perpetrated by Germany, the chancellor thinks that by restoring a semblance of liberty in Belgium he will thereby separate America and Great Britain from the Latin allies."

"By stimulating peace talk among the allied countries Von Hertling hopes that one among them may be brought to sit at a conference similar to that at Brest-Litovsk. The voice is that of Von Hertling, but it is the hand of Von Hindenburg."

A Belgian diplomatic official told the Associated Press that Belgium probably would not deign to respond to Von Hertling's brutal and undiplomatic request. He said:

Silence Best Reply. "Dignified silence is the best reply to the undignified and thoroughly German proposal. This is the second time that Germany has offered openly a separate peace to Belgium. Once before, in 1914, after the fall of Liege, a similar proposal met with an emphatic rebuff from the Belgian government and if any reply is vouchsafed by the Belgian government now it will be equally as emphatic. It is Belgium's unalterable decision to remain staunch to its allies, friends, and protectors."

FIFTEEN ALLIED PLANES BAGGED

Berlin, Feb. 27.—(British admiralty, per Wireless Press).—After a great many violent duels in the air on the western front on Tuesday, says today's war office statement, the Germans brought down fifteen allied airplanes and three captive balloons.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE TUSCANIA

(Special to The News.) Nashville, Feb. 27.—That Lambert H. Mocker, of Nashville, was one of the American soldiers who perished when the transport Tuscania was torpedoed Feb. 5 was established practically beyond doubt Tuesday when the young man's parents, Mrs. C. H. Mocker, received the following telegram from the war department: "Deeply regret to inform you that Lambert H. Mocker is officially reported missing in the sinking of the Tuscania."

URGES SUPPORT ARMY; DEFENDS REFORM BILL

Von Payer, German Vice-Chancellor, Makes Spirited Speech in Reichstag.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—Friedrich von Payer, the German vice-chancellor, in his address to the reichstag urged the people to stand behind the army and made a spirited defense of the Prussian franchise reform bill.

"There is only one standpoint," he said, "for home politics today, in the fourth year of the war, namely, the concentration of all the forces of the empire to the unity of the citizens and labor and readiness for sacrifice to enable the army to fulfill their heavy tasks."

The vice-chancellor then alluded to opposition to the Prussian franchise bill, saying: "I cannot believe that those parties in whose hands the decision lies will fail to realize what they owe to the public in this critical hour, and I hope they will emphatically repudiate the suspicion that they really aim at an intolerable delay."

Conservatives Offended. After expressing confidence that the bill would be adopted Von Payer said that co-operation devoid of friction could be obtained only by endeavoring through the inclusion of individual members from the reichstag and the Prussian diet, who enjoy the confidence of their colleagues, in the imperial and Prussian governments to make a firm foundation for a common policy and facilitate the conduct of affairs.

The vice-chancellor's speech offended the conservative sections of the reichstag seriously, judging from the comment upon the address in a Berlin dispatch to the Koedische Volks Zeitung, which says: "There were frequent scenes of tumult, seriously interrupting the delivery of the speech and at its close his friends were vain to drown the hisses in the house and in the galleries by clapping and shouting."

TO KEEP VOICE OF UNCLE SAM'S ARMY CLEAR



The Yanks are coming—not only the men, but the women. Here is Mrs. Inez Ann Crittenden, of Claremont, Cal., who is on her way to France to command the first unit of American telephone operators to go into action behind Pershing's line. She gave up a lucrative position as private secretary to a big San Francisco firm to offer her services to Uncle Sam. "Depend upon us to keep the lines open," was her message to Gen. Pershing for the girls she'll supervise.

35 VESSELS SUNK BY RAIDER WOLF

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The German raider Wolf, which has returned to a home port after raiding entente shipping in the Pacific, destroyed at least thirty-five vessels, it was officially announced today. Some of the steamships, it is stated, were loaded with English troops, and the sinkings, therefore, caused a corresponding loss of life.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSES DEATH OF HUNDREDS

Shanghai (Tuesday), Feb. 26.—The earthquake at Swatow caused the death of between 200 and 300 persons. More than 200 persons are being treated in hospitals there. Scarcely a house there has not been damaged, most of them seriously.

Principal Wallace, of the Anglo-Chinese college at Swatow, in a dispatch to a Hongkong newspaper, says that first accounts of the disaster were exaggerated, but that the earthquake caused great distress to the population.

There have been various reports of the loss of life due to the earthquake at Swatow. The number of dead has ranged from 100 to 10,000 while the injured have been placed at 2,000.

HOSPITAL VESSEL SUNK IN CHANNEL

American Torpedo Boat Destroyer Lands Survivors of British Ship.

London, Feb. 27.—The British hospital ship Glenart Castle was sunk yesterday in the Bristol channel, it is announced officially. There were no patients on board. Survivors were landed by an American torpedo boat.

The Glenart Castle, 6,807 tons gross and 440 feet long, was built at Belfast in 1904. She was owned in Southampton.

The Bristol channel is an arm of the Atlantic extending into the southwestern part of Great Britain between England and Wales.

The British hospital ship Glenart Castle was sunk in the Bristol channel at 4 a.m. yesterday. She was outward bound and had all her lights burning. There were no patients on board.

"Survivors have been landed by an American torpedo boat destroyer. Eight boats are still adrift. Further information will be published as received."

Thirty-Four Landed. Swansea, Wales, Feb. 27.—Thirty-four survivors of the Glenart Castle have been landed here. The number of persons on board is said to have been 200.

LABOR SELECTS WALSH, OF KANSAS, AS DELEGATE

Washington, Feb. 27.—Frank P. Walsh, of Kansas City, formerly chairman of the federal industrial relations commission, was today selected by labor as its representative in public interest on the board framing a national labor policy for the government. Employers already have selected former President Taft to represent the public interest for them.

TRACE DISEASE TO CONSTIPATION

One of the points on which different schools of medicine practically agree is, that about 95% of all human disease is directly traceable to intestinal putrefaction of stomach waste due to inactivity of the bowels, or constipation. The eliminative process is an essential factor in digestion and on its proper functioning depends the welfare of the entire system.

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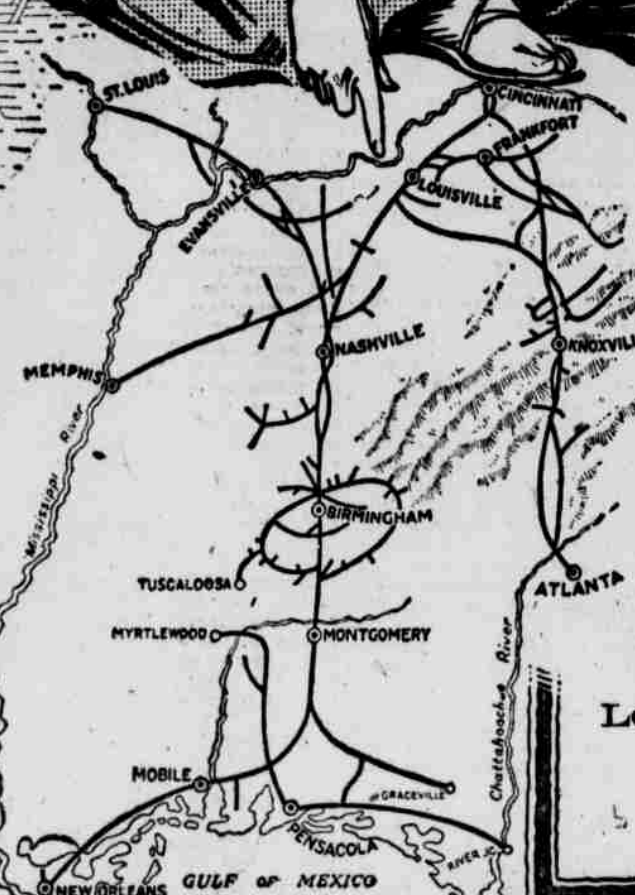
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